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WHOEVER
IS ORGANIZING
EGGMAN'S ROBOTS
IS REALLY STEPPING
UP THEIR
GAME.

I HOPE
I'M NOT TOO
LATE!



IT'S GOING TO BE TOUGH FIGHTING OFF THIS ARMY ON MY OWN.

MAYBE AMY WAS RIGHT... I COULD USE THE RESISTANCE'S HELP ON THIS ONE.



THEN AGAIN, THE RESISTANCE ISN'T ALREADY HERE. MAYBE WORD HASN'T REACHED THEM YET?

IN THAT CASE, IF I WAS WITH THEM, I NEVER WOULD'VE KNOWN ABOUT THIS ATTACK.



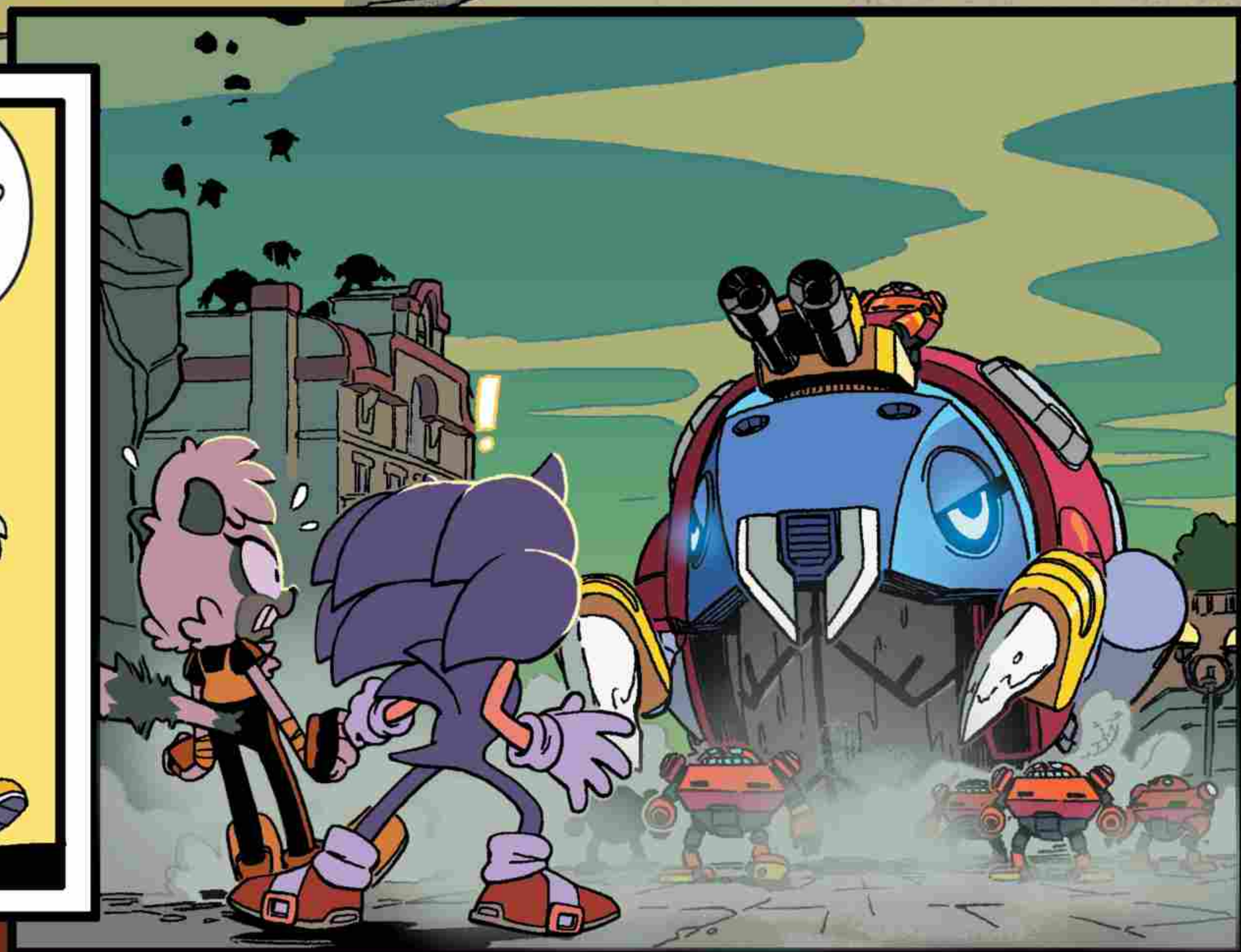
NO TIME FOR SECOND-GUESSING. BASH THE BOTS. SAVE THE TOWN. KEEP IT SIMPLE.

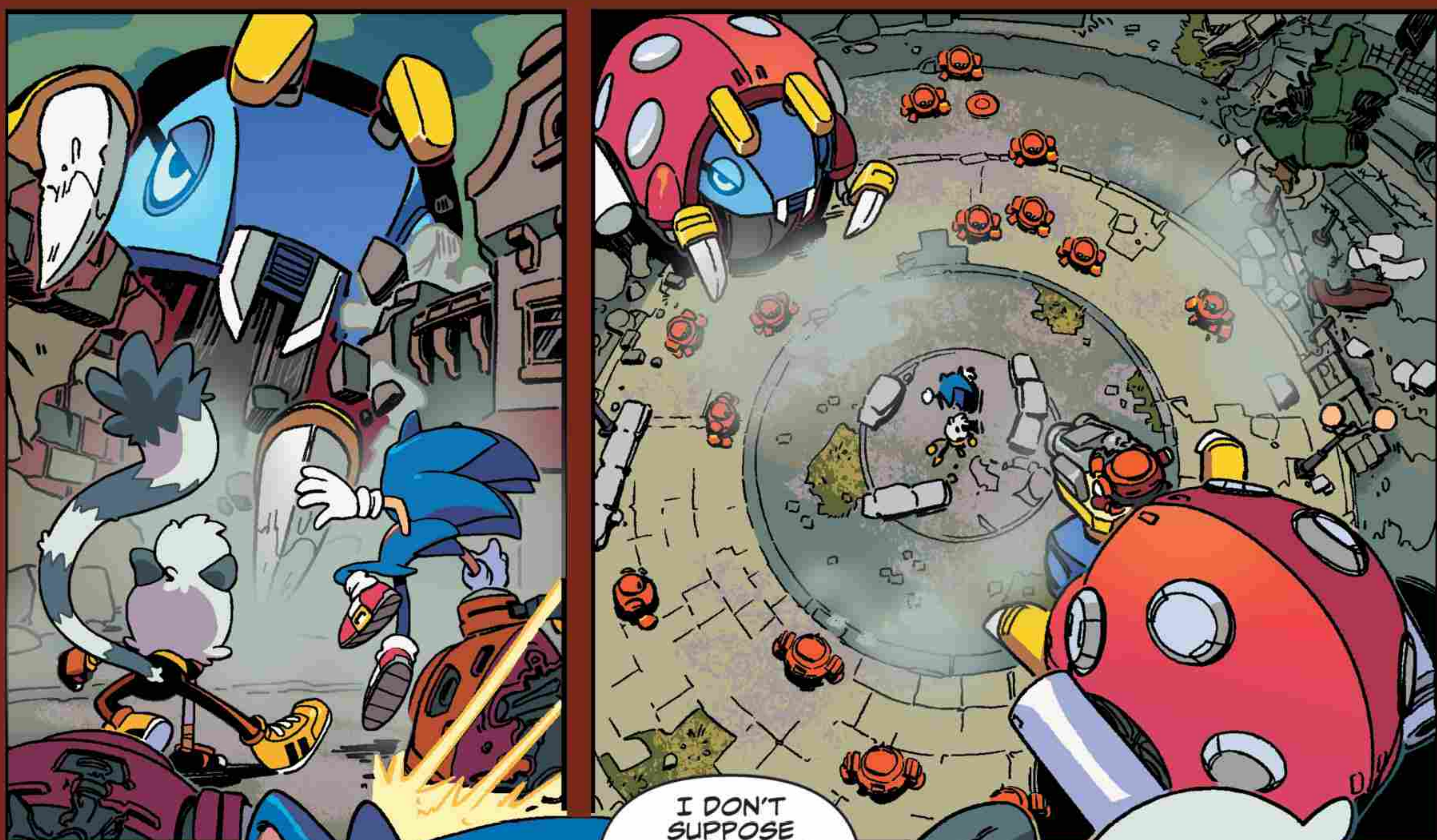


...SOMEBODY'S HERE?

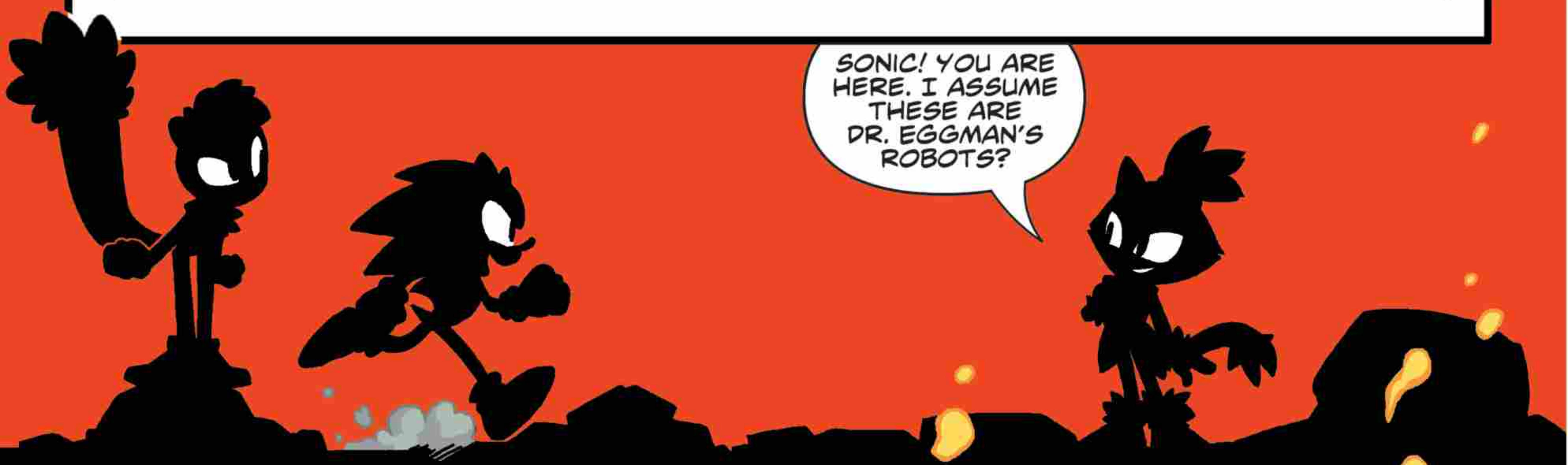


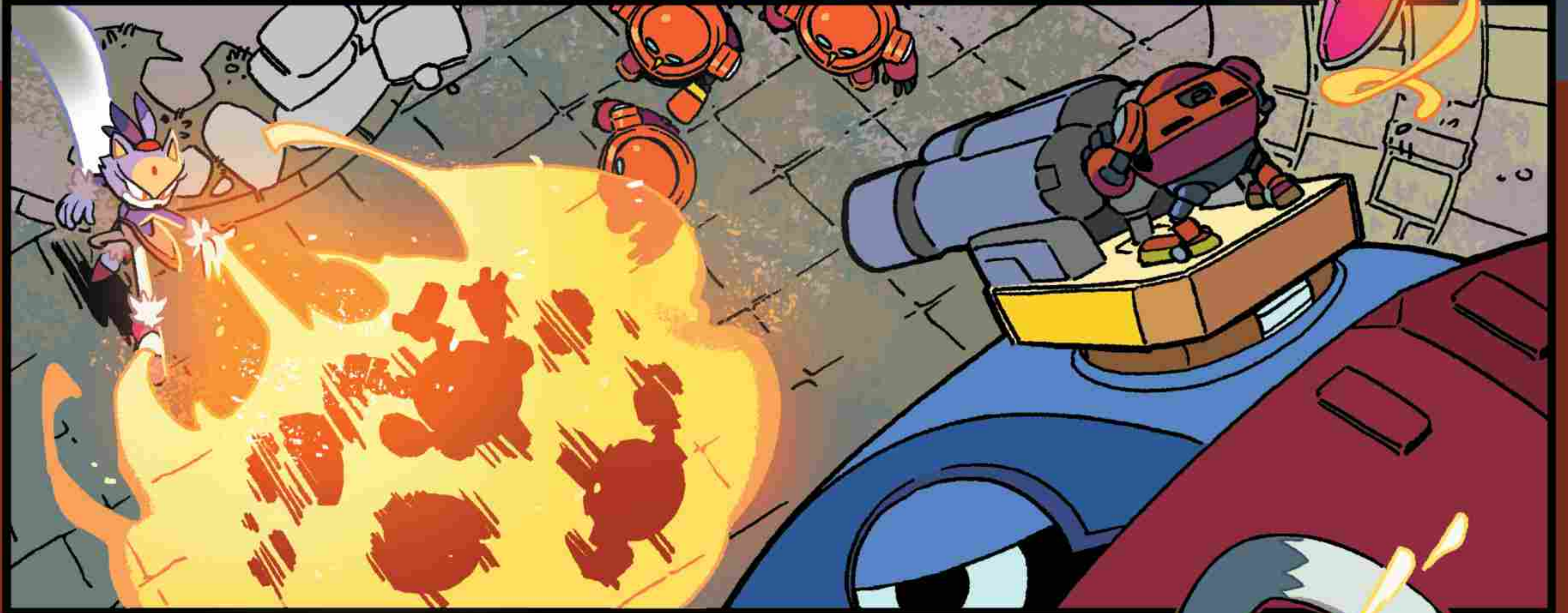
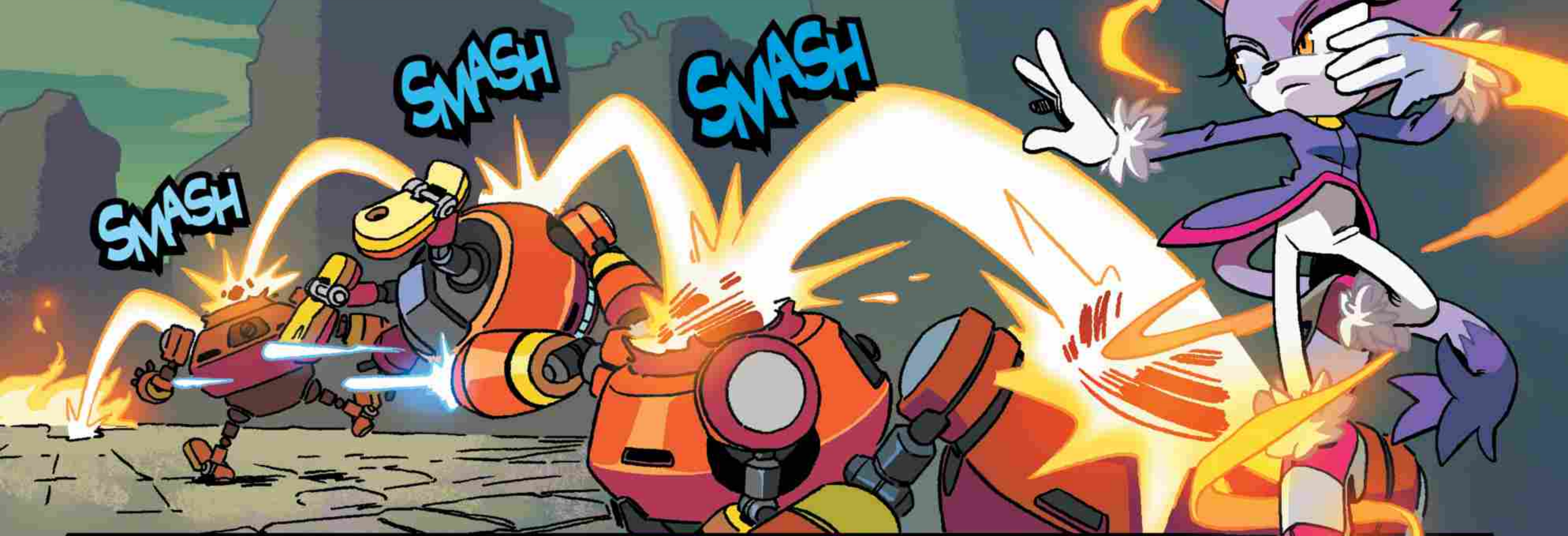
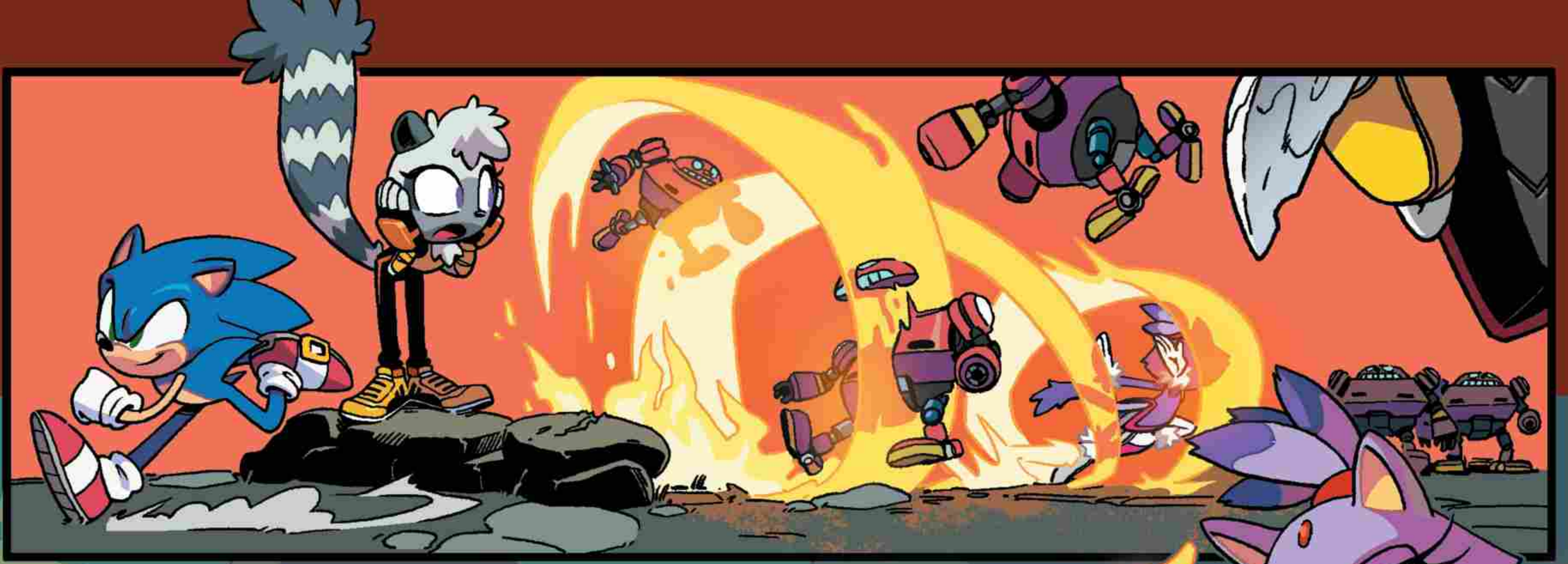


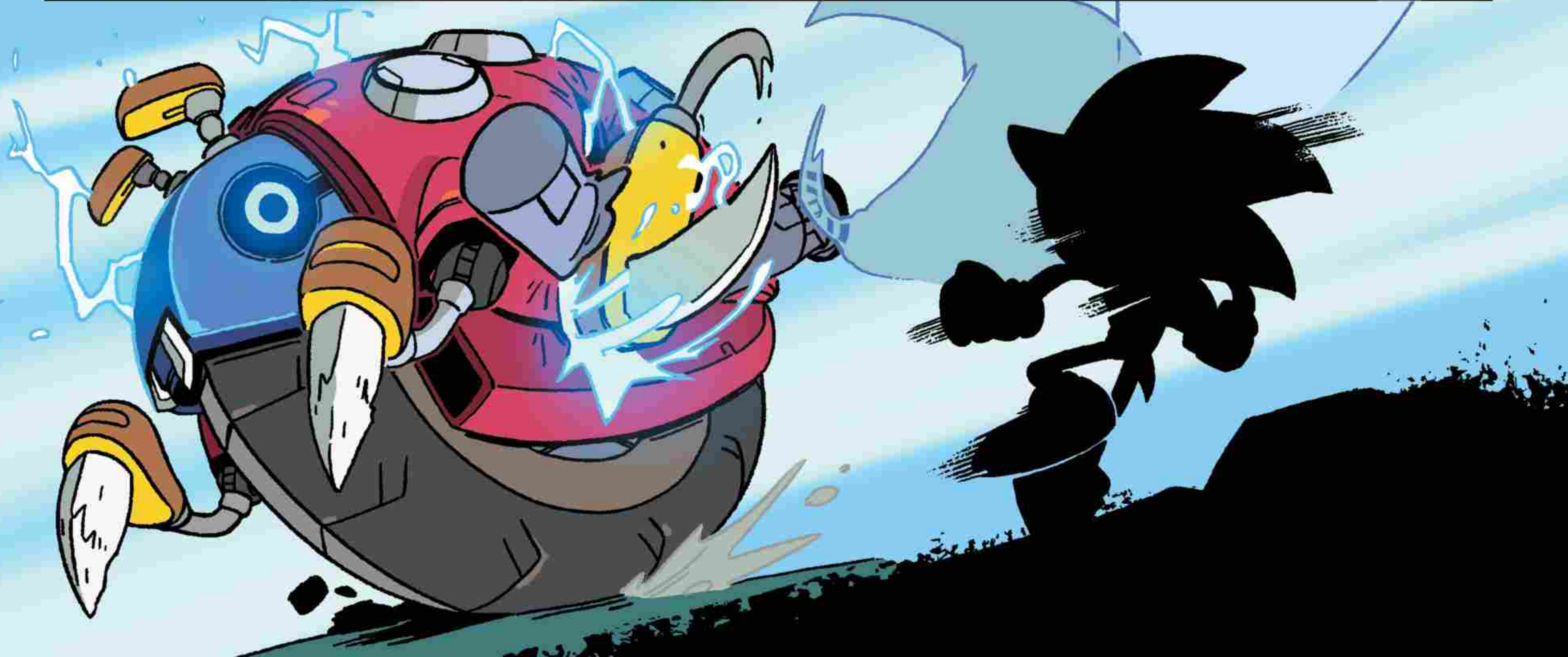
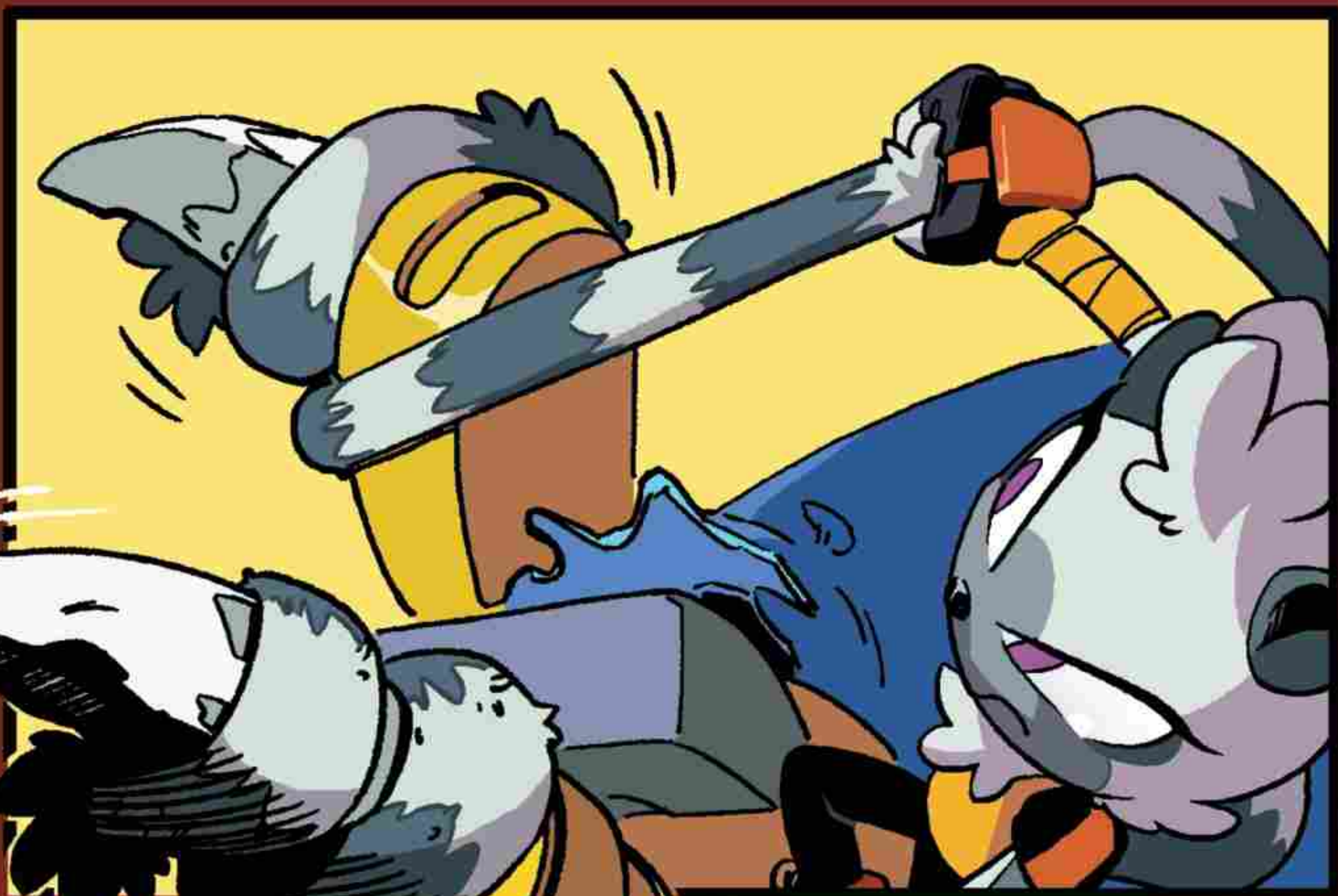


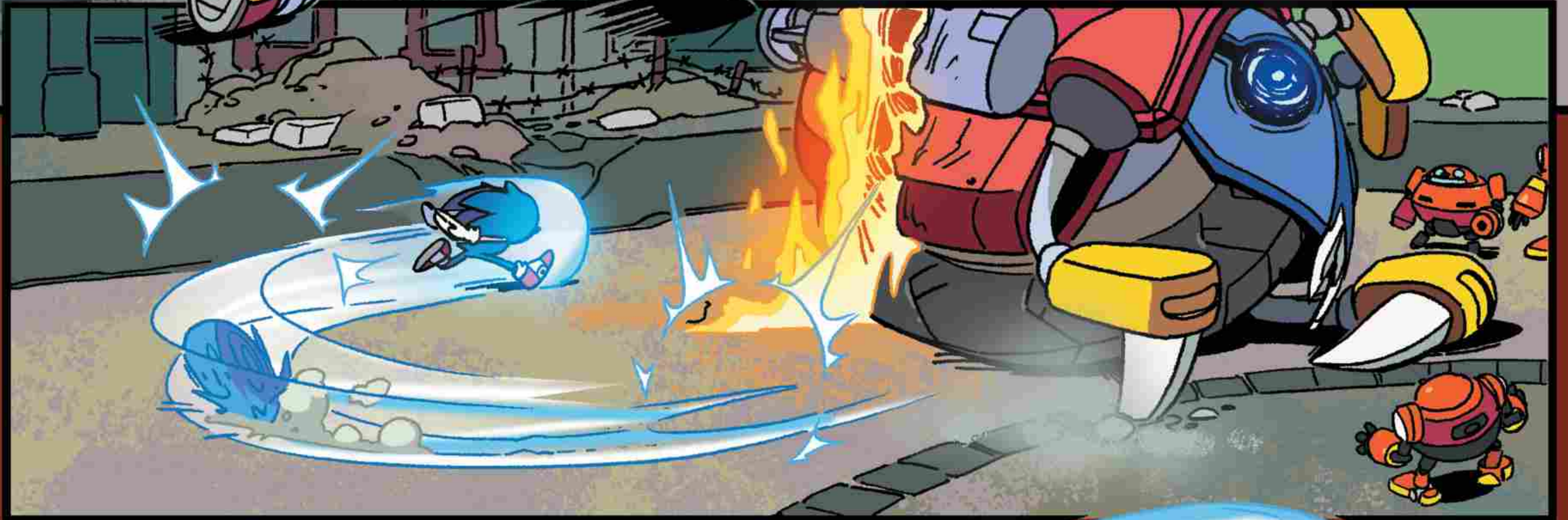














I'M AFRAID
THE THREE OF
US ARE NOT
ENOUGH.

REGARDLESS.
THEY'RE REFILLING
THEIR RANKS
FASTER THAN WE
CAN DISPOSE OF
THEM.

THE
TOWN
MILITIA'S
OUT THERE
TOO.



THEY'RE
ALL COMING
FROM THAT
BATTLESHIP. NOT
LONG AGO, IT FLEW
IN AND HAS BEEN
DROPPING ROBOTS
SINCE.

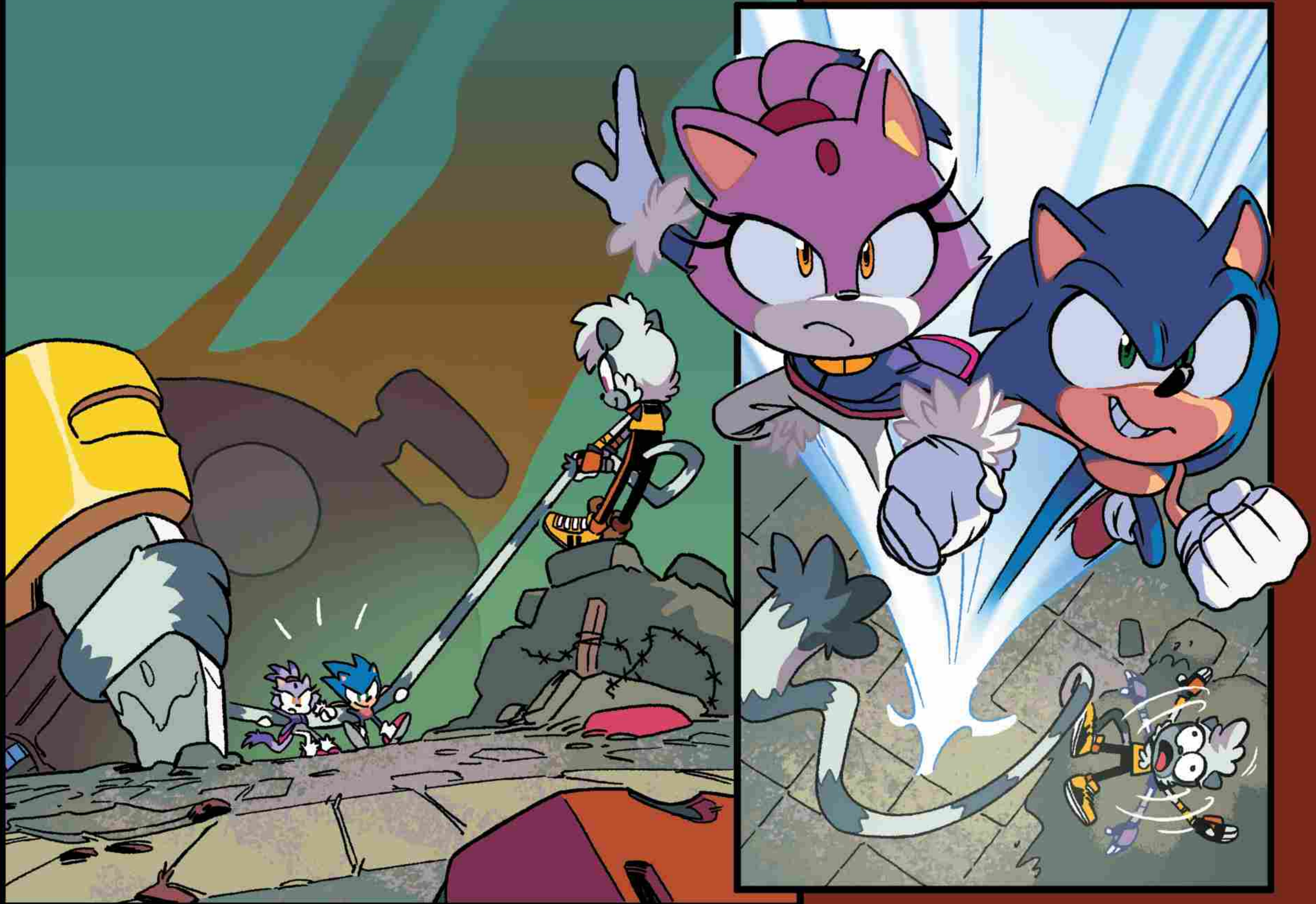
A LITTLE
BEEFIER THAN
THE DROP SHIP
AMY AND I TOOK
OUT. BLAZE, CAN
YOU MAKE IT UP
THERE?

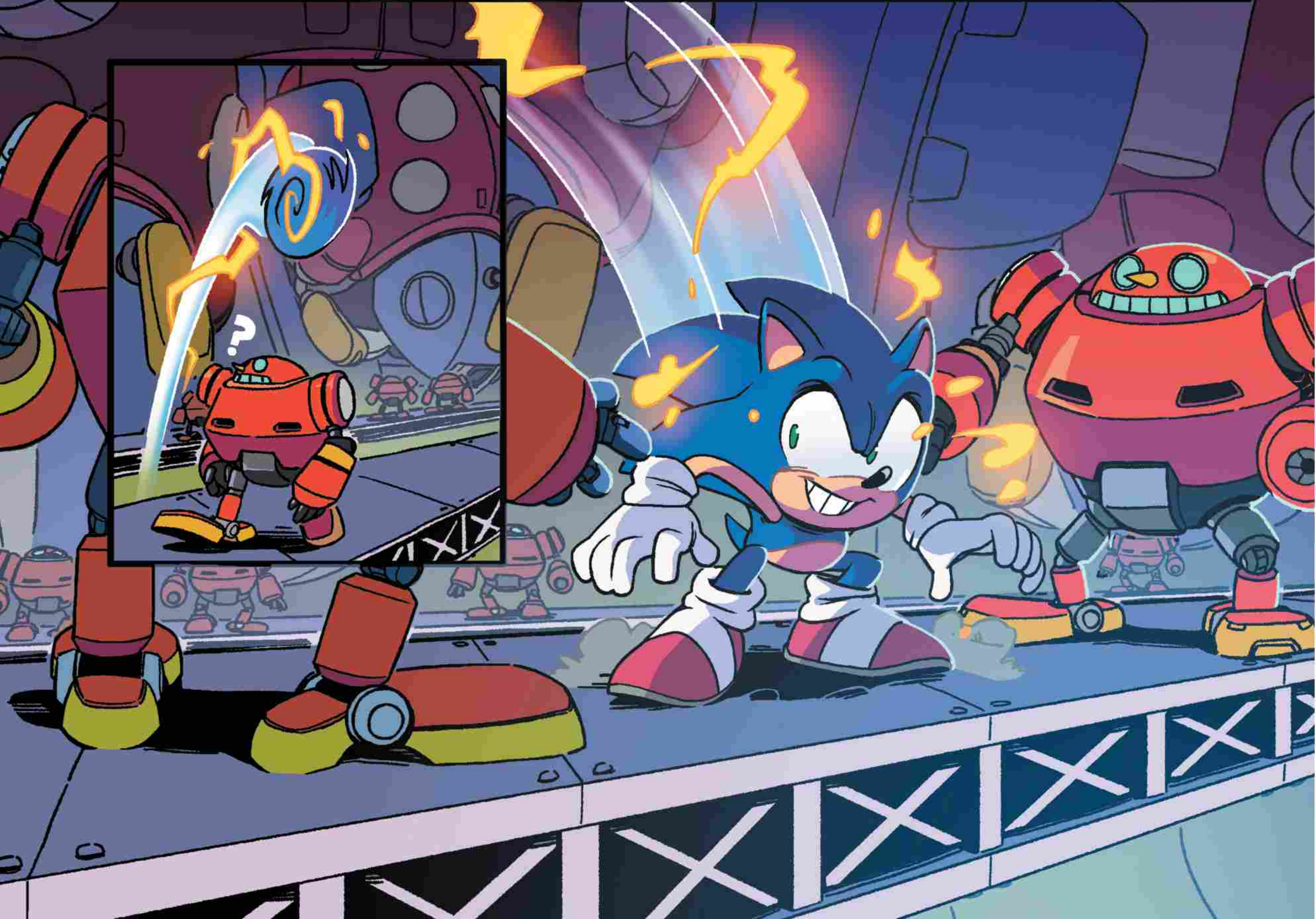
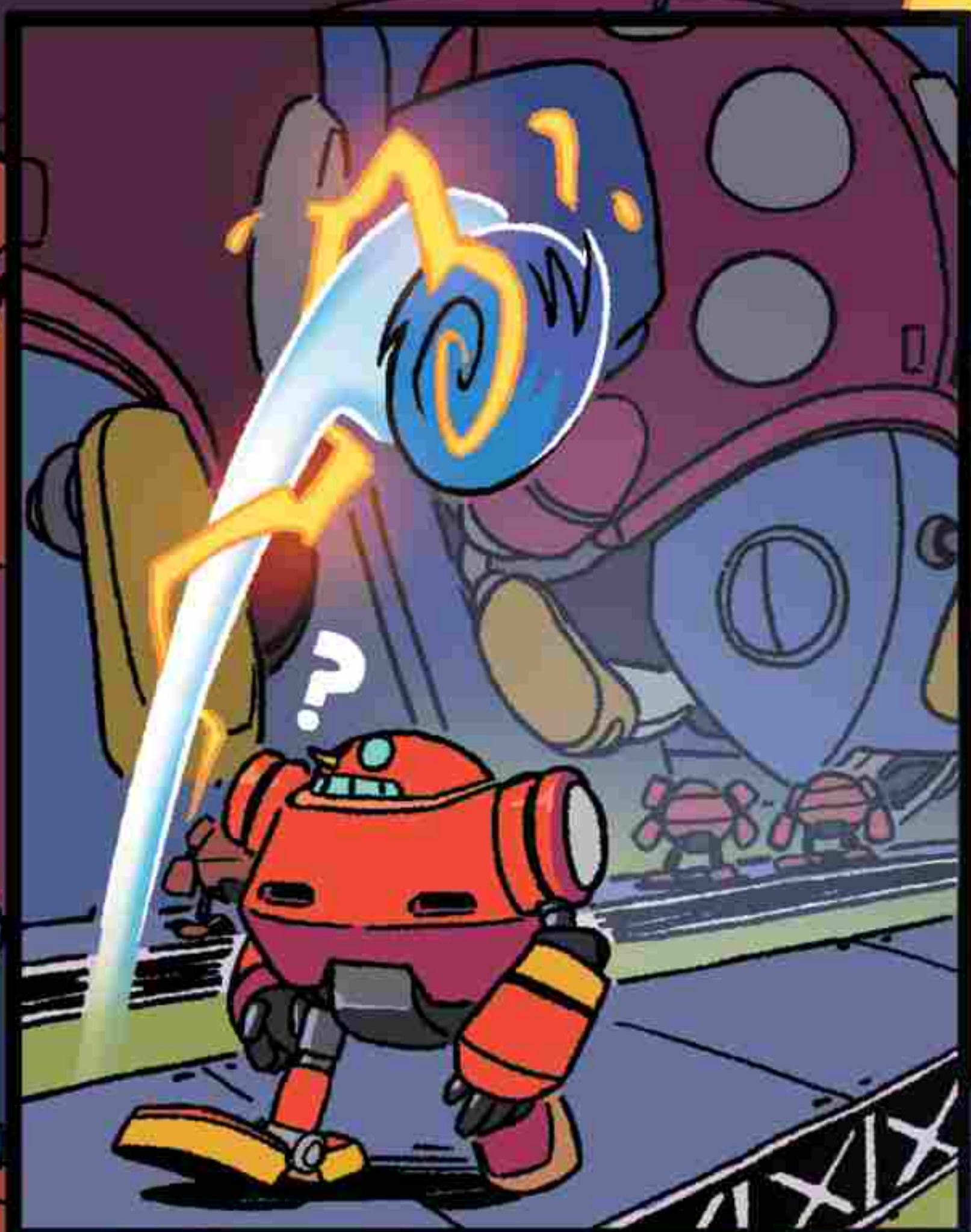
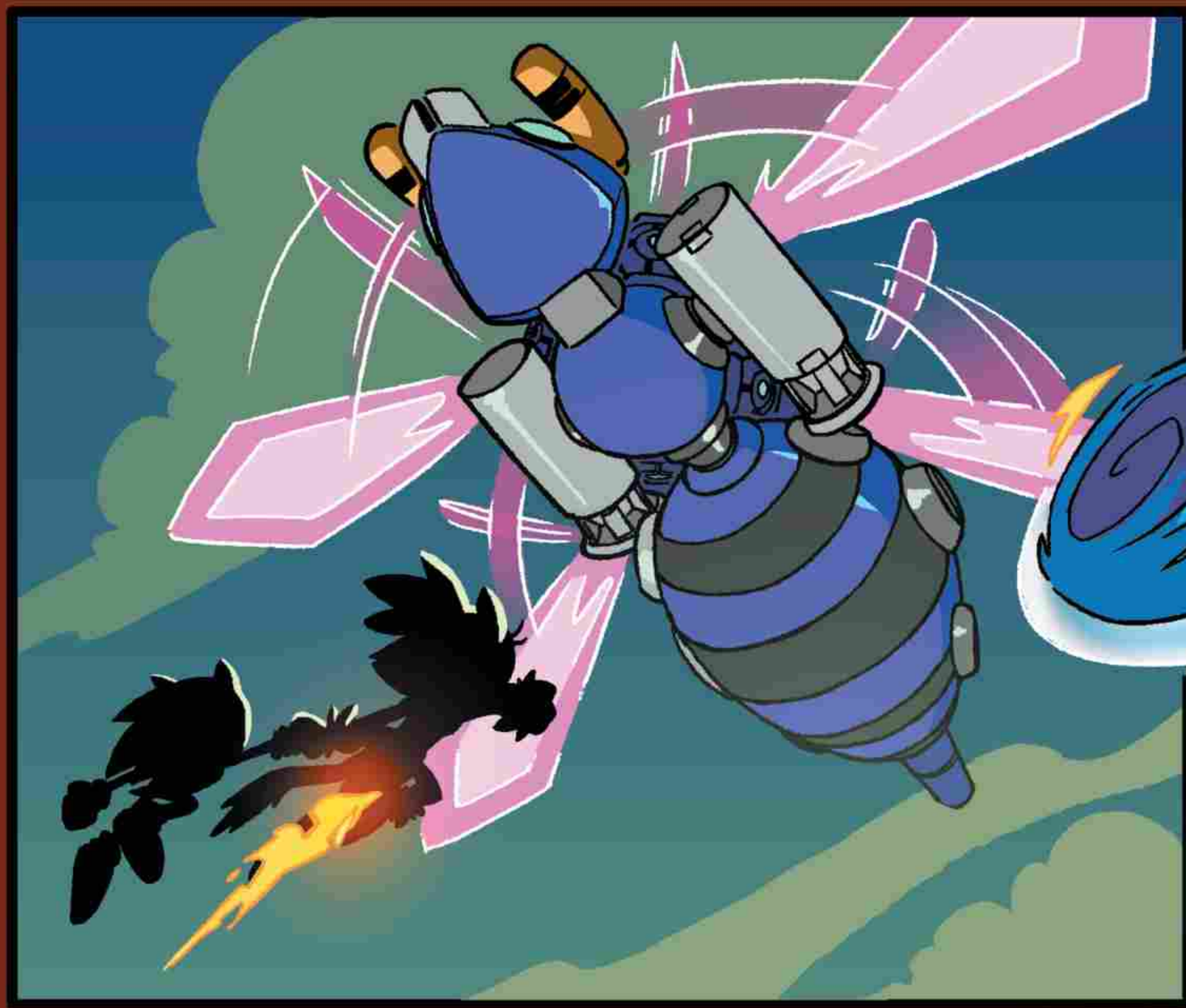
IT'S TOO
HIGH. IT'S
COMPLETELY
OUT OF RANGE
FOR ME.



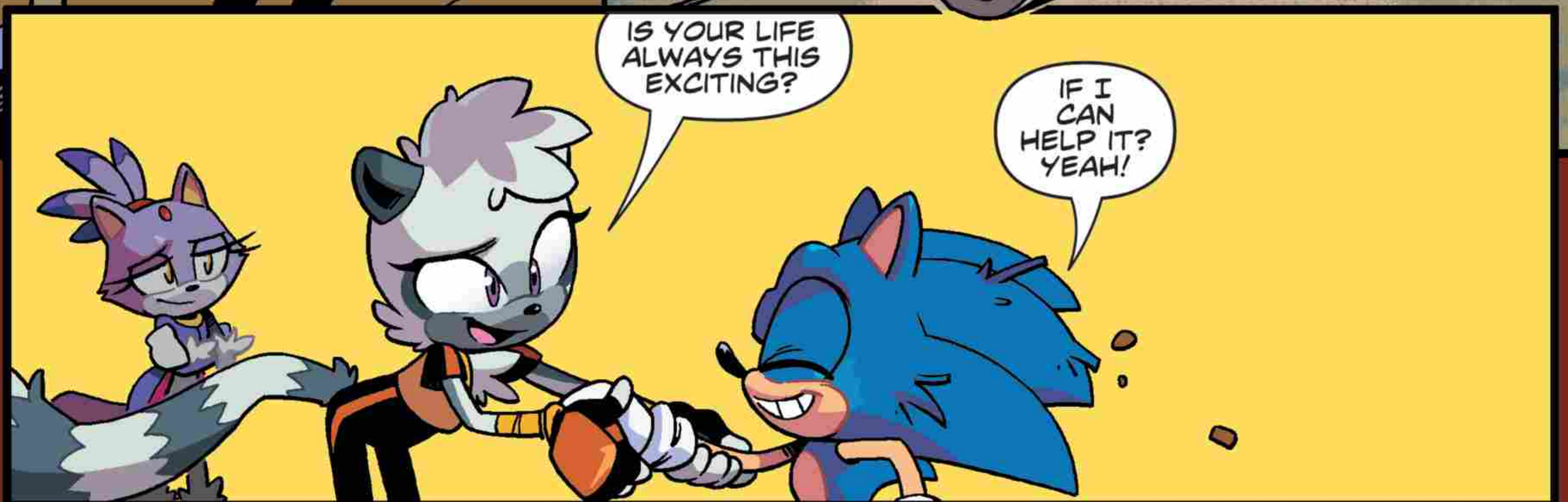
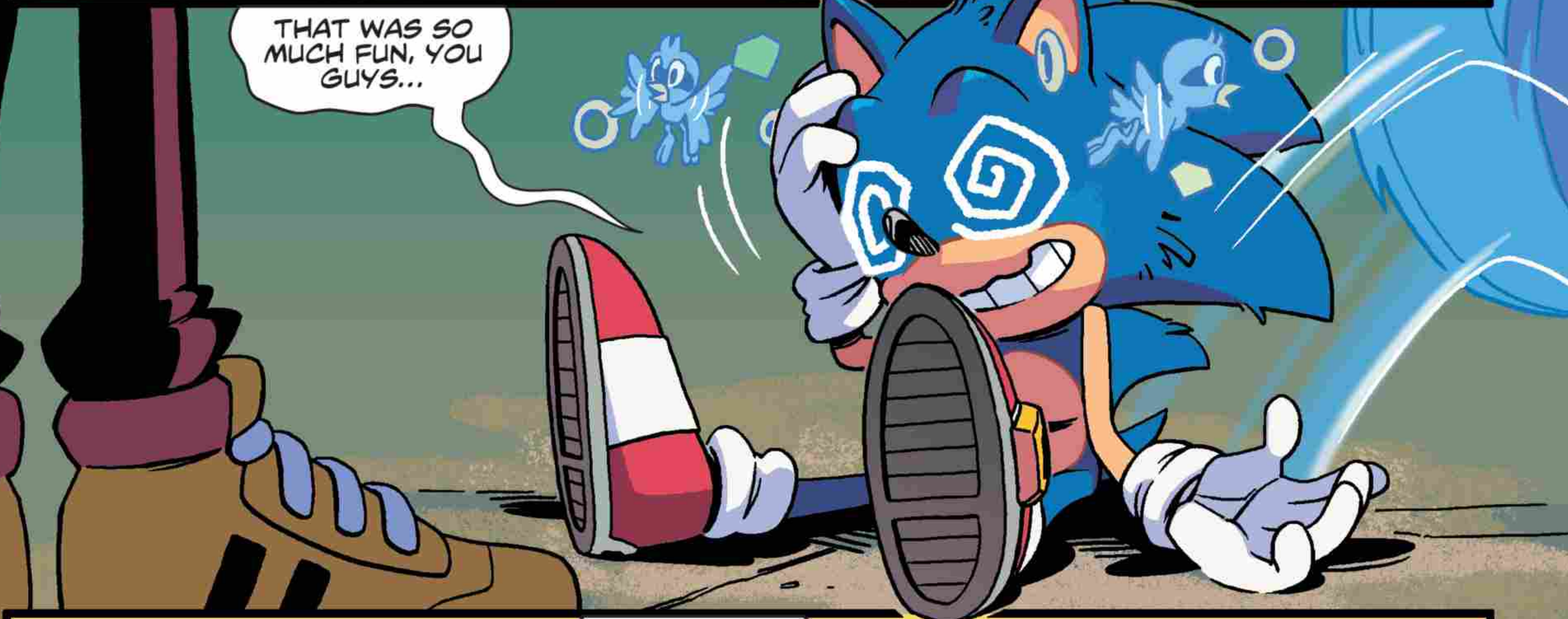
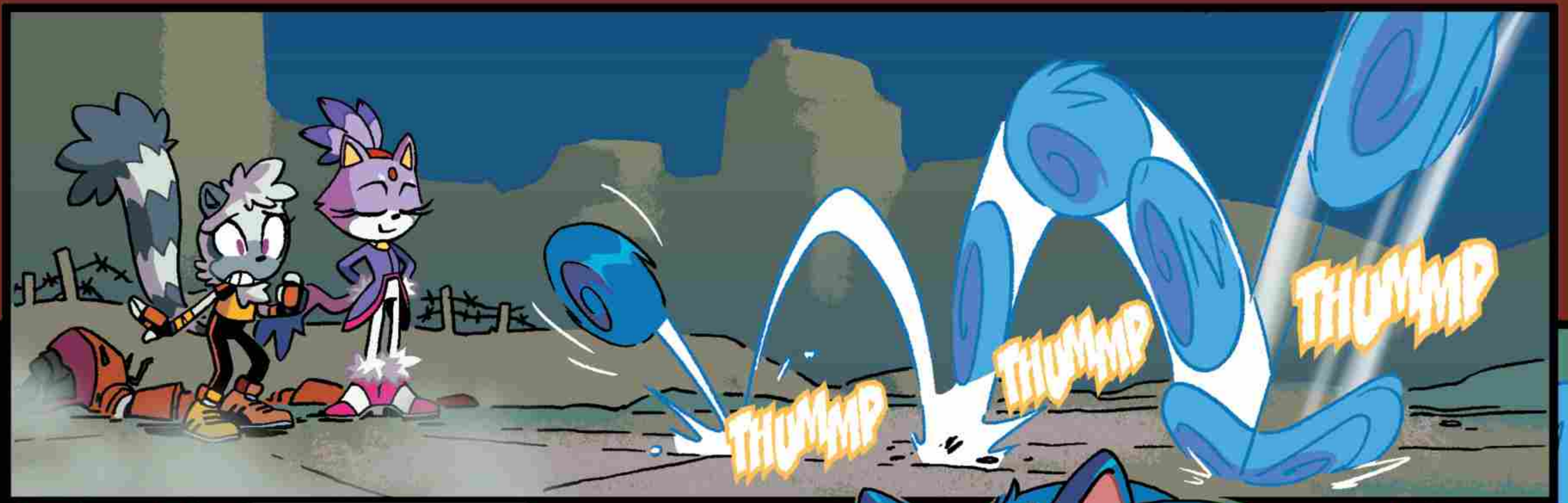
I KNOW
WE ALL
JUST MET,
BUT...

...HOP
ON?









RIGHT, SO, INTRODUCTIONS!

BLAZE, THIS IS TANGLE. SHE'S A LOCAL.

TANGLE, THIS IS BLAZE. SHE'S A PRINCESS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION AND GUARDIAN OF THE SOL EMERALDS.

THEY'RE LIKE CHAOS EMERALDS, BUT FIERY.



THANKS FOR SAVING MY HOME, YOUR HIGHNESS.

YOU ARE WELCOME. AND PLEASE, JUST CALL ME "BLAZE."



I'M ALWAYS HAPPY TO SEE YOU, BUT WHAT'S THE OCCASION?

I FELT THE WILL OF THE SOL EMERALDS. I'VE COME TO PREVENT A TERRIBLE EVENT ON YOUR WORLD.

HA! NO OFFENSE, BUT YOU'RE ABOUT SEVEN MONTHS LATE.







ELSEWHERE...

IT'S LATE. IT'S TIME TO COME IN.

BUH-BUH-BUT IT'S BUSTED! I C-C-CAN'T CARRY IT INSIDE!

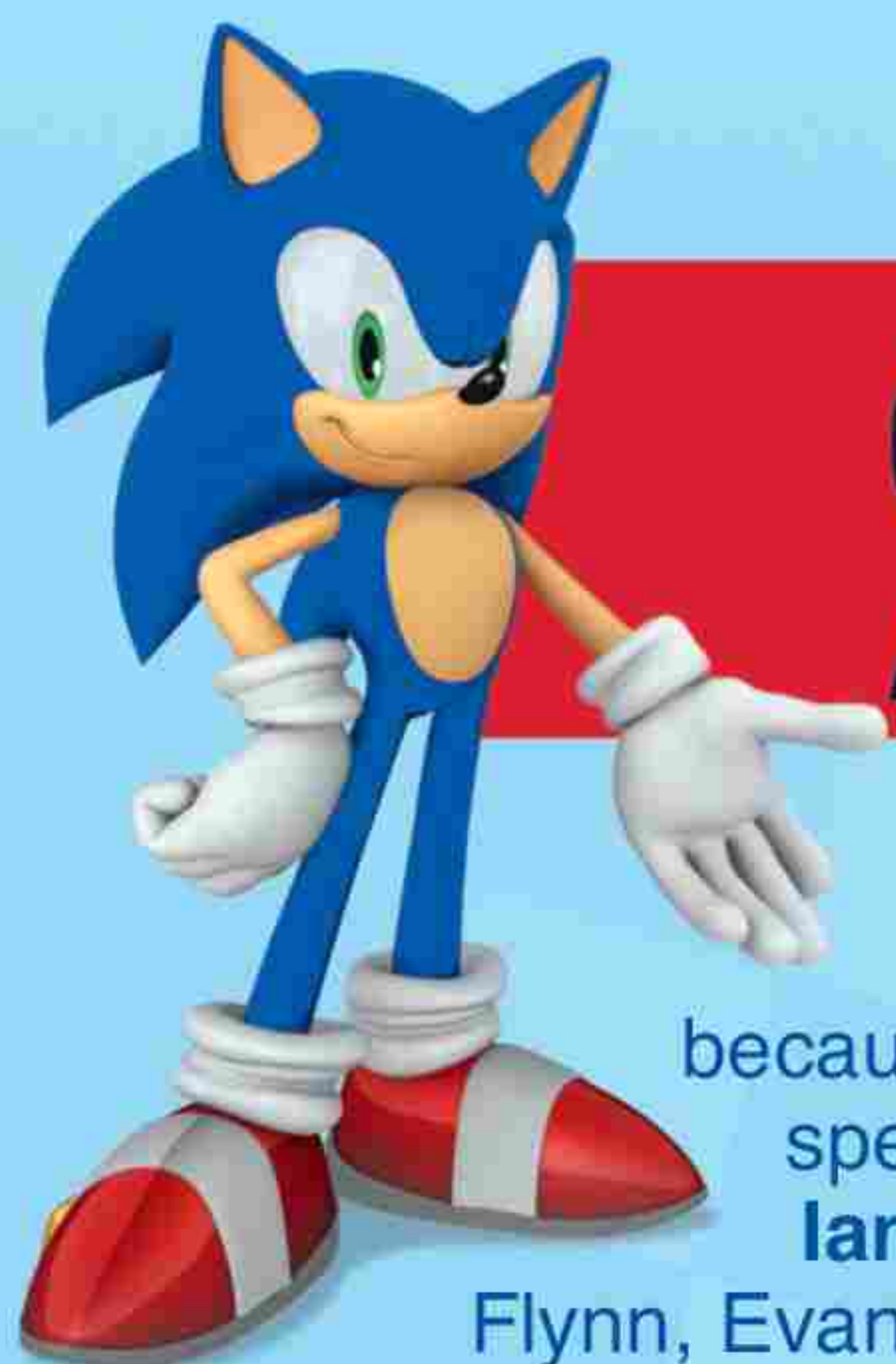
OH-HO-HO... DON'T YOU WORRY, LITTLE ONE. I'LL FIX YOUR LITTLE RED WAGON.

SOON, I'LL BE FIXING EVERYTHING!

NEXT TIME:

THE DOCTOR IS

IN!



SONIC LETTERS SQUAD

Hello Sonic fans!
No letters this issue
because we have a very
special message from writer
Ian Flynn! Shout out to Ian
Flynn, Evan Stanley, Matt Herms
and Tyson Hesse for their amazing work
on Tangle's debut issue! AND, we have a ton
of fan art of everyone's new favorite lemur!
Check it out!



Art by Airelle Martinez (SonicSis)



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-Joe Hughes and David Mariotte



Hello Sonic Fans!

Here we are at the end of an unprecedented four week mad dash of Sonic! I had a blast writing it all, and my hat's off to the phenomenal production team that pulled off a monthly endeavor four times over. It'll make the regular once-a-month feel boring, right guys? ...guys? Tough crowd—moving on!

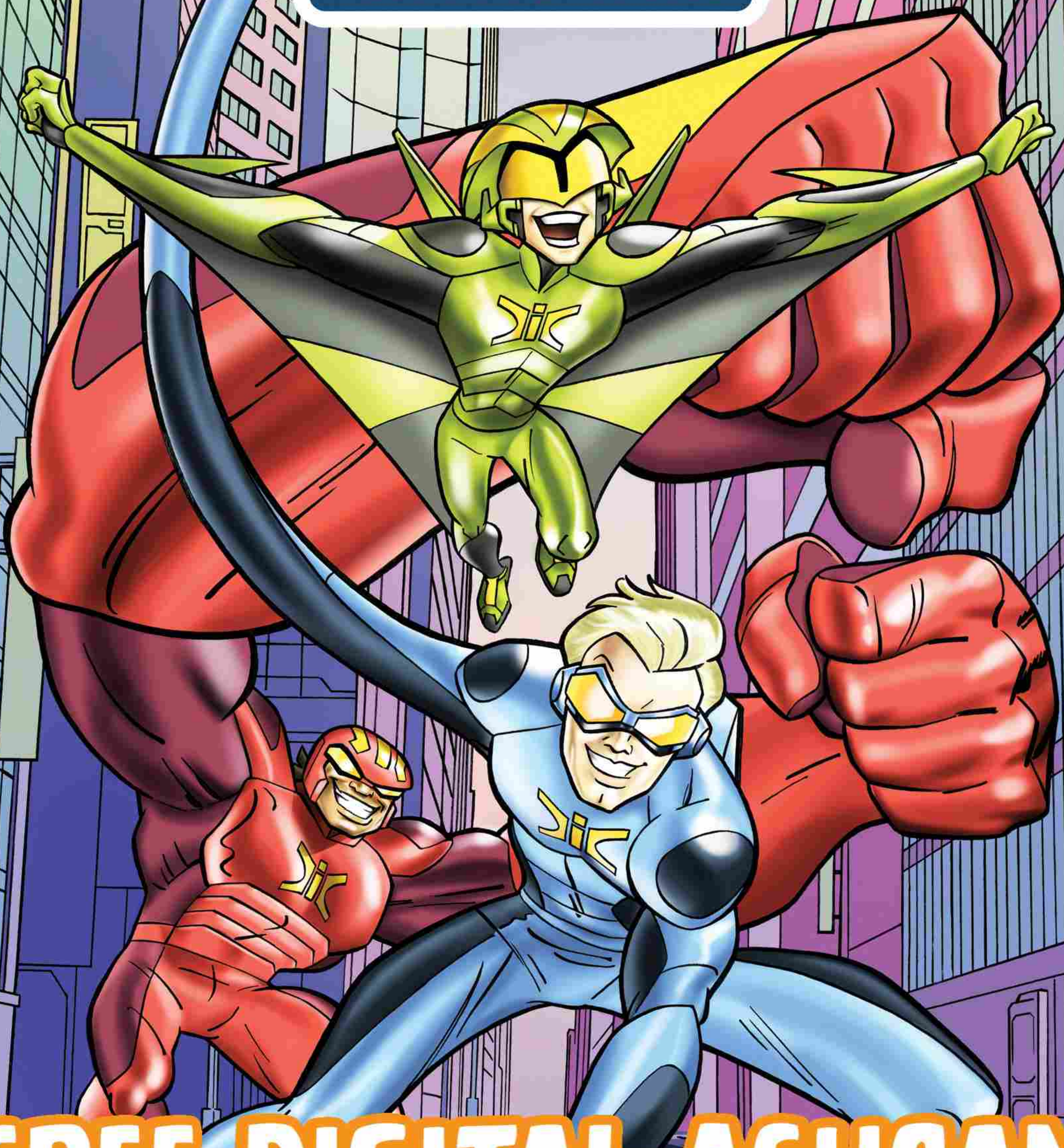
I hope you all have enjoyed our first four issues into Sonic's brand new comic adventures! I'm so excited for you to see what we have in store for the long run—pun unapologetically intended. It's going to be great to see some fan-favorites show up, and we've got some new faces who will spice things up as well! And! AND! I can barely contain my excitement, but I don't want to spoil it for you either.

As a life-long Sonic fan—and what feels like a lifetime spent writing the little blue hedgehog—you have my sincerest thanks for reading and supporting us as we get this new series underway. I couldn't be happier returning to Sonic's world, and I hope you enjoy it enough to stay with us for a long, long time.

Cheers,
Ian Flynn

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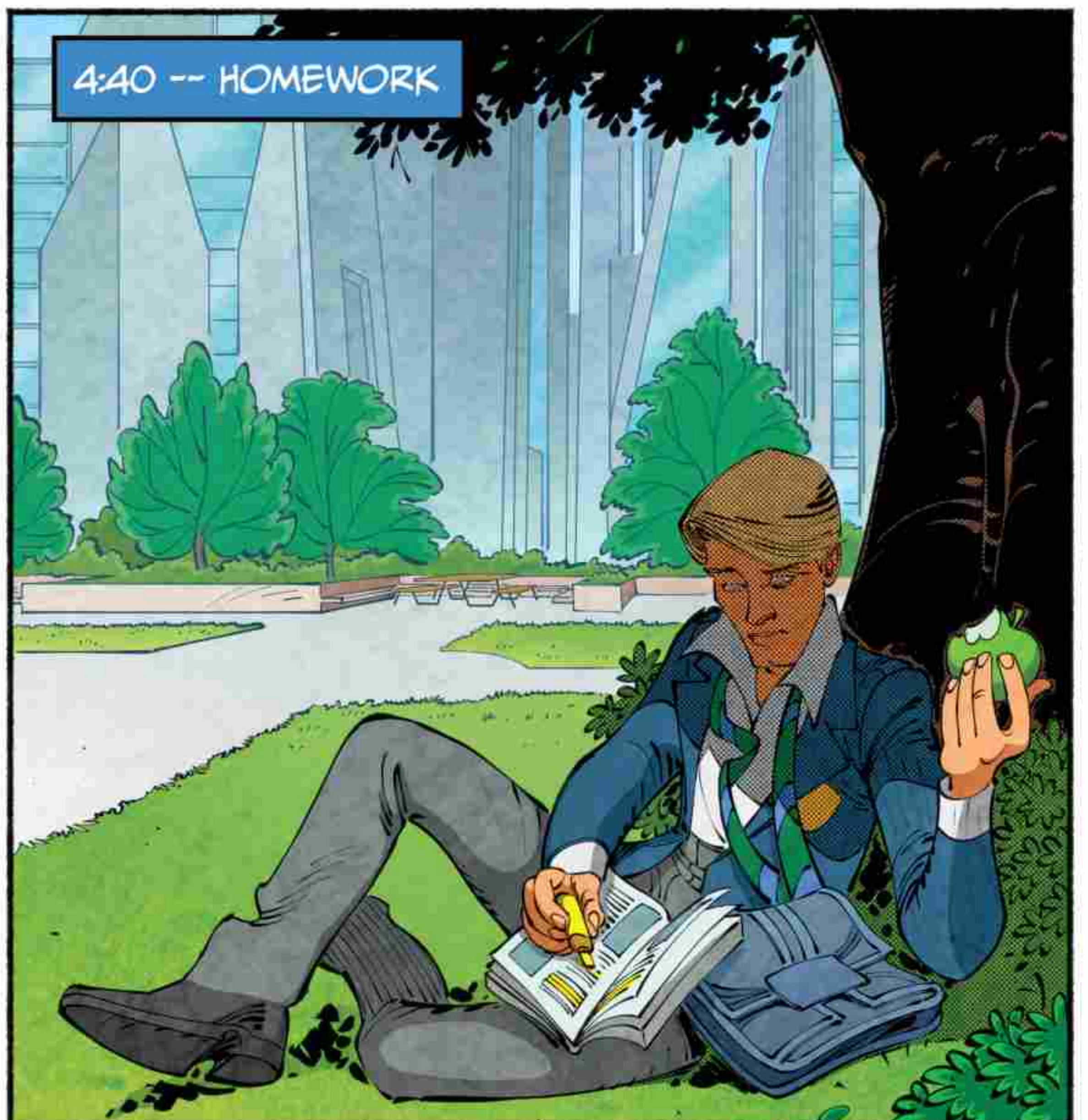
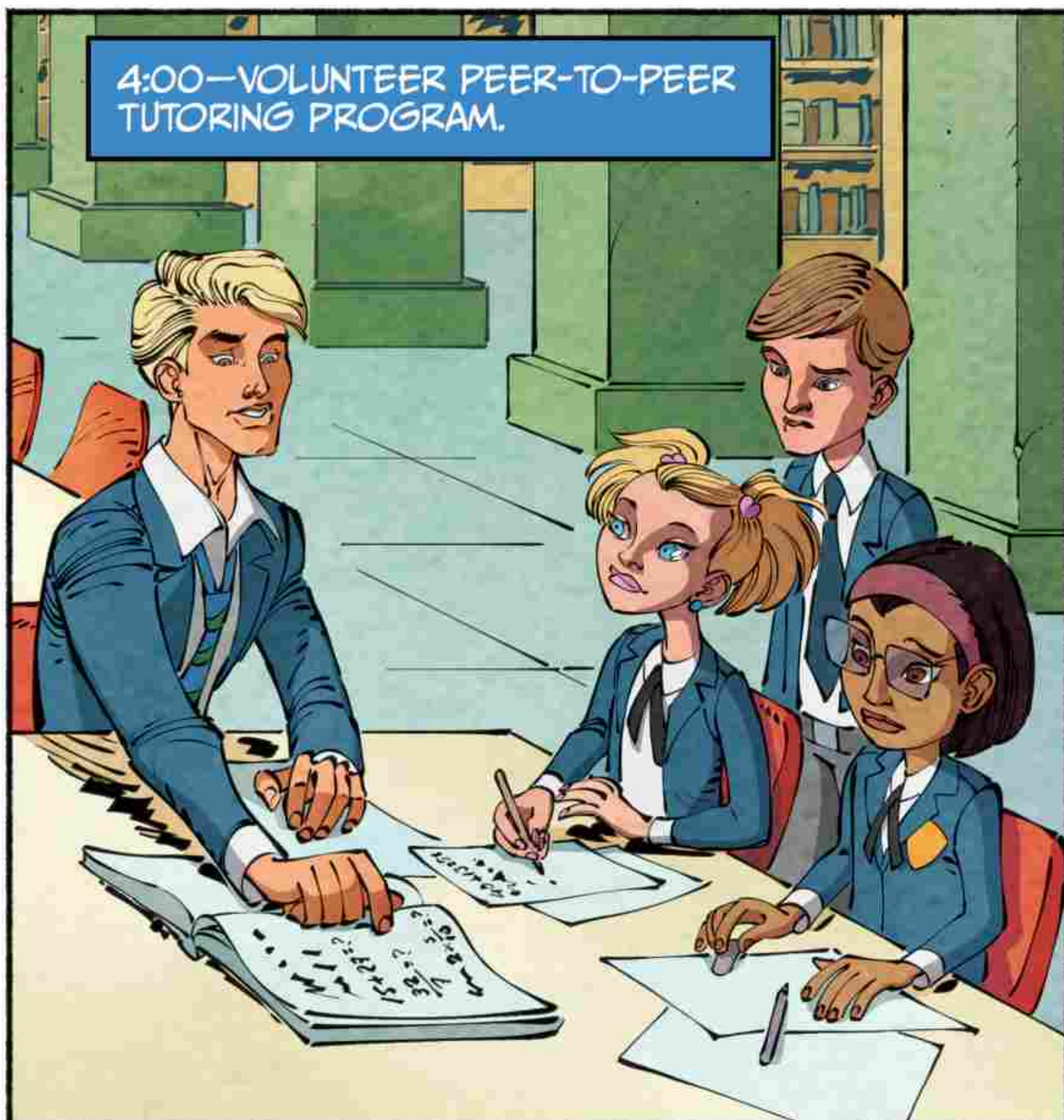
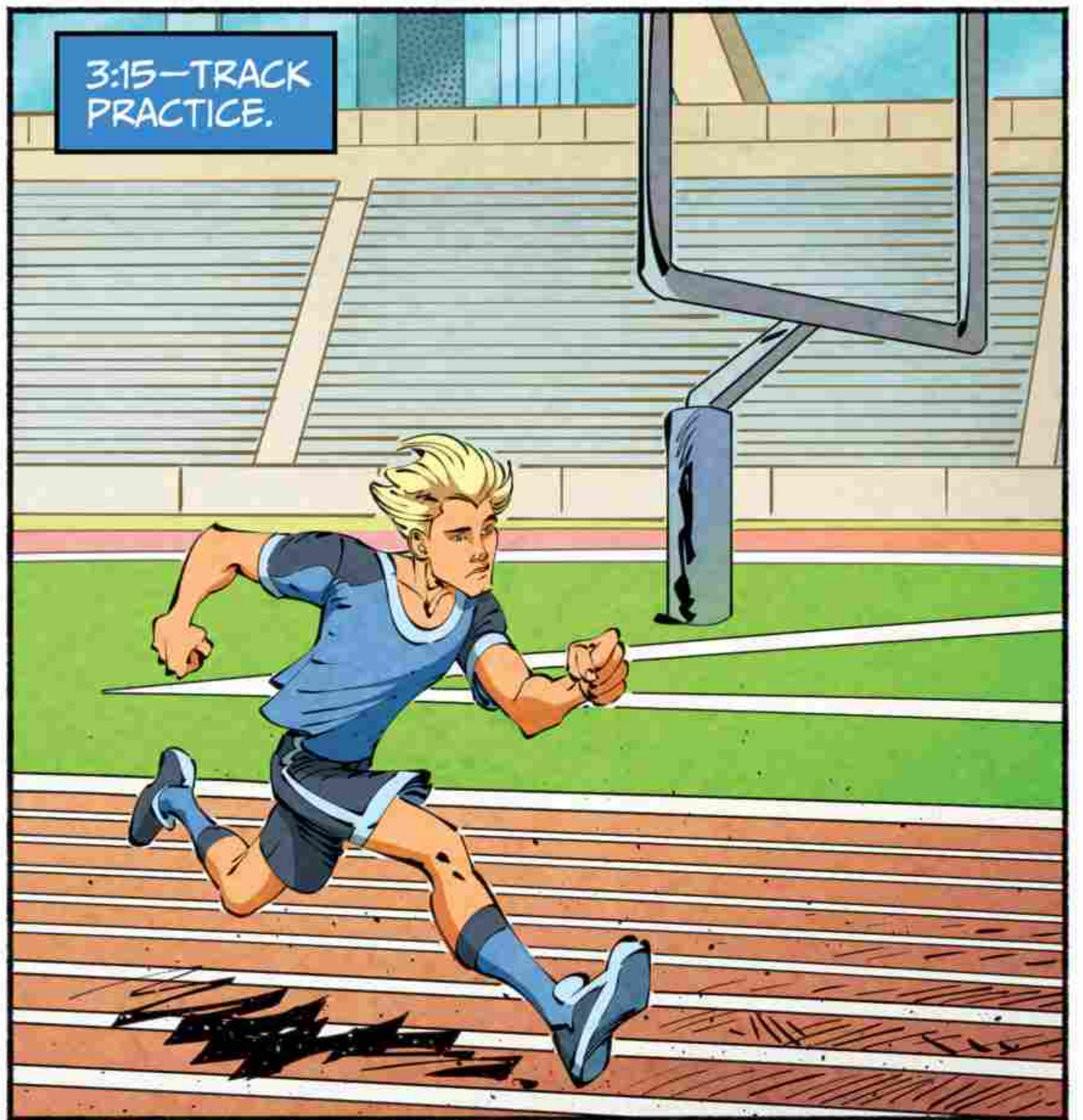
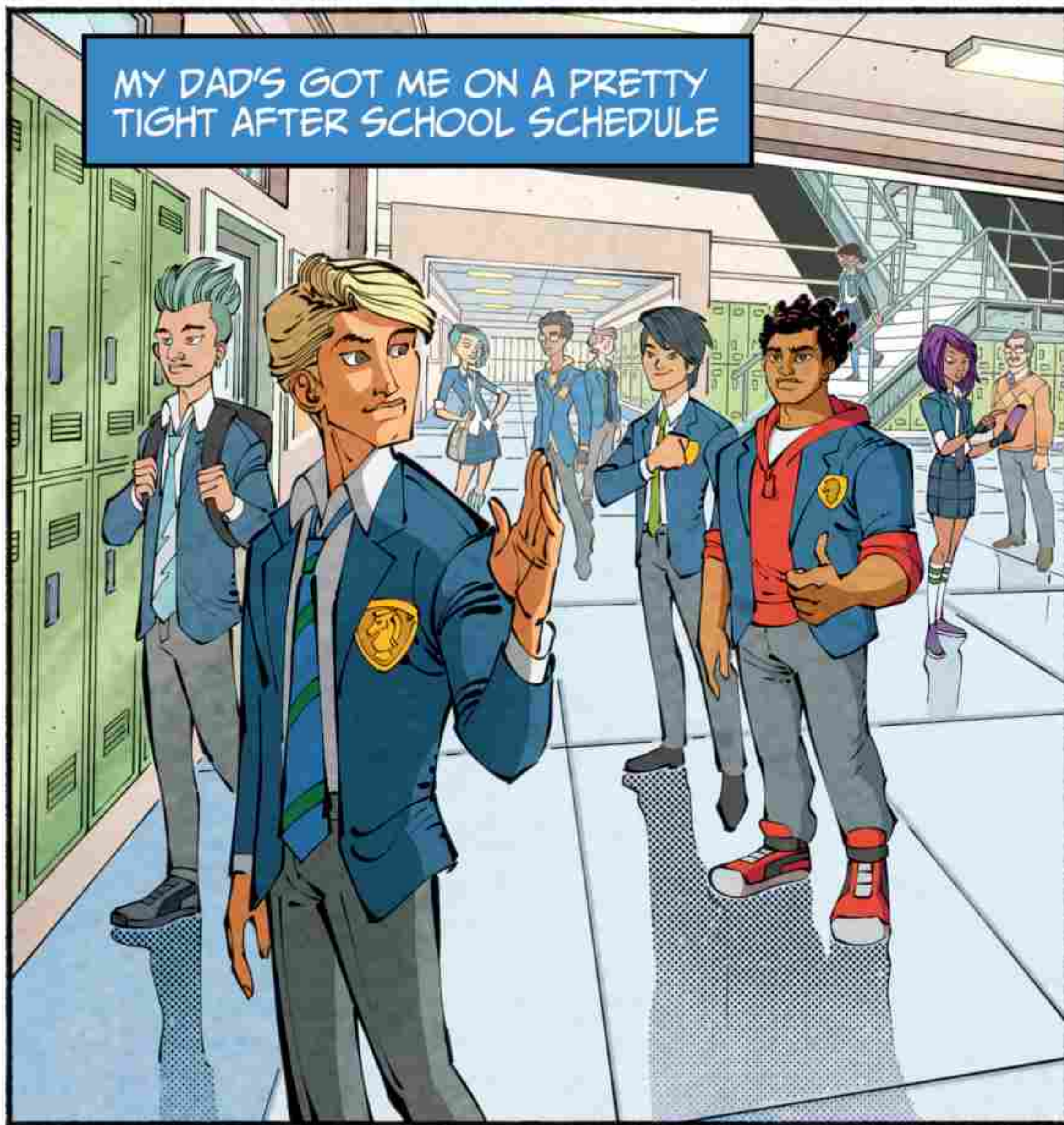
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...DEFENDING CHARTER CITY FROM
A GIANT MONSTER ATTACK!

UGH... WHY'D IT
HAVE TO BE A BUG
MONSTER?! WITH ITS
THORAX AND ITS
MOUTHPARTS—SO
REPULSIVE!

NATHAN PARK, AKA WINGSPAN...
MY BEST FRIEND

WHATEVER, DUDE.
MOUTHPARTS ARE WAY
COOL. LET'S CALL THIS
THING: "THE MANTOID..."
GREAT NAME, OR
GREATEST NAME?

RICARDO PEREZ, AKA
OMNI-MASS... MY
OTHER BEST FRIEND.
MOST OF THE TIME.

I DON'T CARE
WHAT WE CALL IT, AS
LONG AS WE BEAT IT
BY DINNERTIME. I'M
ON A SCHEDULE!

THAT'S ME, JAKE
ARMSTRONG, AKA
STRETCH.

TOGETHER WE ARE:
THE FLEX FIGHTERS.

ROARRRRRRRR



“BEHOLD, THE MANTOID! - PART 1”

WHEN HIGH-SCHOOLER JAKE ARMSTRONG AND HIS TWO BEST FRIENDS NATHAN PARK AND RICARDO PEREZ WERE ACCIDENTALLY EXPOSED TO AN EXPERIMENTAL CHEMICAL CALLED FLEXARIUM, THEY DEVELOPED INCREDIBLE POWERS THAT WOULD CHANGE THEIR LIVES FOREVER.

SPONSORED BY ROOK UNLIMITED, THE BIGGEST TECH COMPANY IN THE WORLD, STRETCH, WINGSPAN AND OMNI-MASS ARE NOW A TEAM OF TEENAGE SUPERHEROES CALLED... THE FLEX FIGHTERS, PROTECTING THEIR HOMETOWN, CHARTER CITY, FROM ANY AND EVERY THREAT.

KEEPING THEIR IDENTITIES SECRET, THE THREE FRIENDS TRY TO MAINTAIN NORMAL LIVES, BUT WHEN THE CITY NEEDS THEM, THE FLEX FIGHTERS ARE THERE!



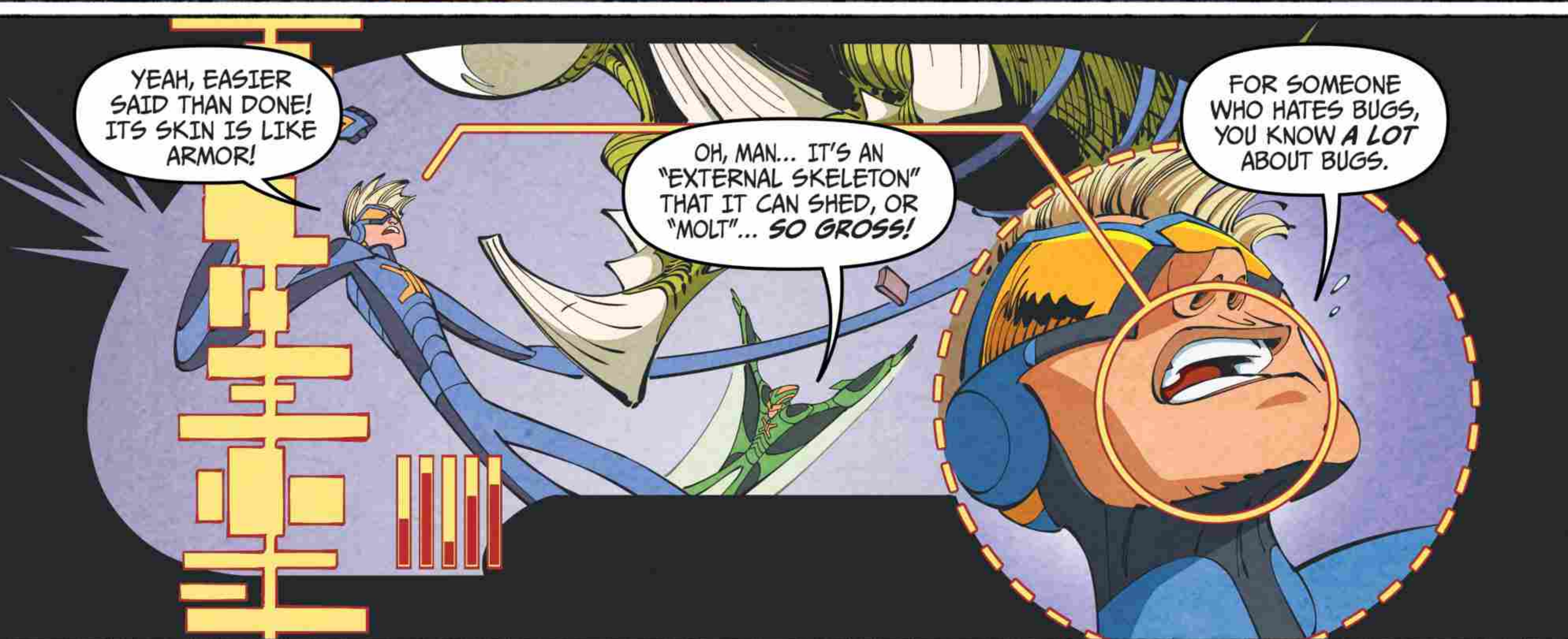


KEEP THAT CREATURE CONTAINED TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE, FLEX FIGHTERS, AND TAKE IT DOWN.

THE *LAST* THING I WANT IS TO ORDER THE DELTA TEAM TO OPEN FIRE IN A DENSELY POPULATED AREA LIKE THIS.

MALCOLM KANE, HEAD OF SECURITY FOR ROOK UNLIMITED... HE KINDA TRAINS US. BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN HE LIKES US.

KANE RUNS DELTA TEAM, ROOK SECURITY'S ELITE UNIT.



YEAH, EASIER SAID THAN DONE! ITS SKIN IS LIKE ARMOR!

OH, MAN... IT'S AN "EXTERNAL SKELETON" THAT IT CAN SHED, OR "MOLT"... *SO GROSS!*

FOR SOMEONE WHO HATES BUGS, YOU KNOW *A LOT* ABOUT BUGS.



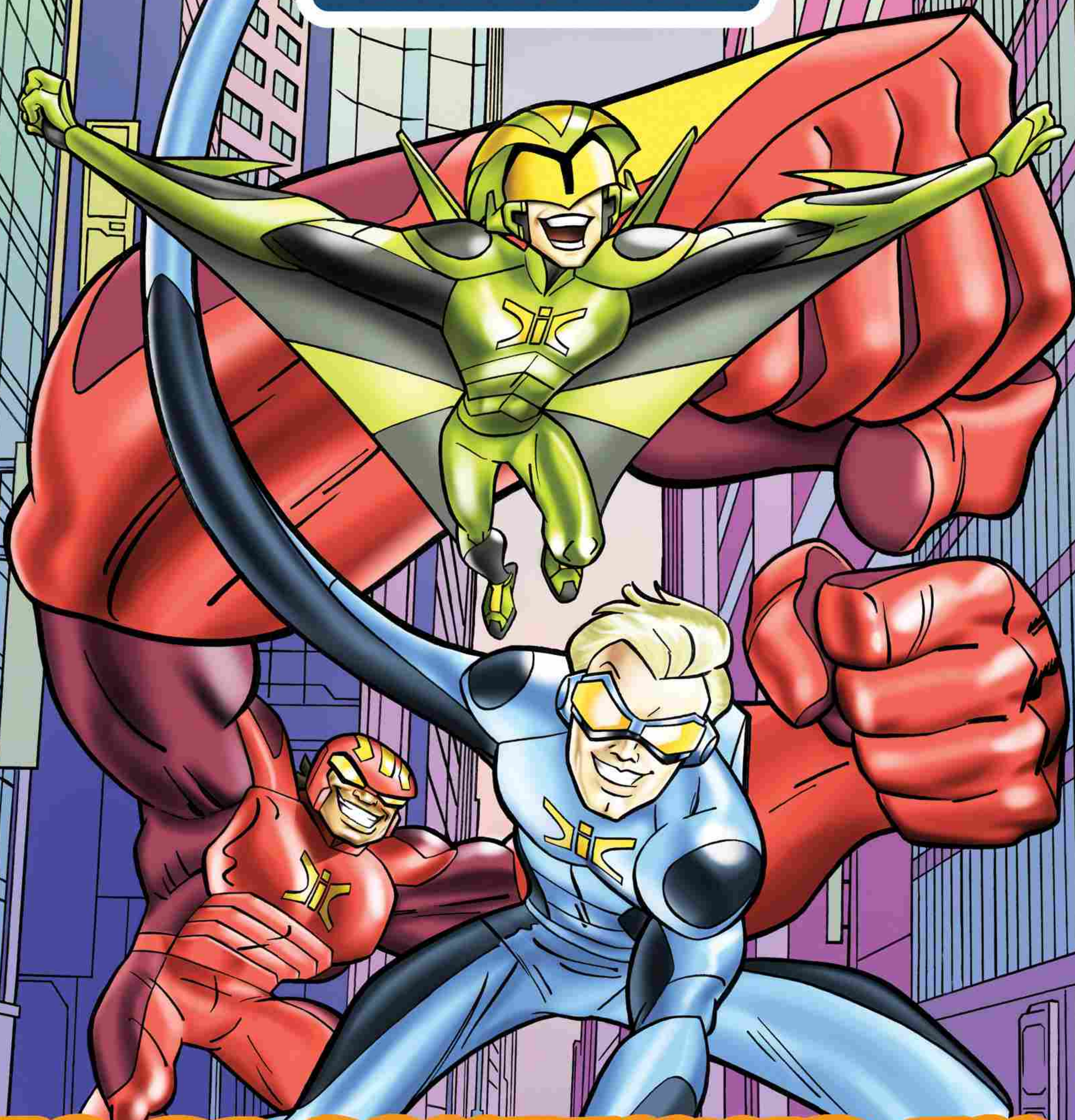
HOW'D THIS THING GET HERE, ANYWAY?

WE DON'T KNOW YET. WHEN THE CONSTRUCTION CREW BROUGHT IN THAT BIG DRILL, THIS MONSTER PULLED ITSELF FROM THE TUNNELS IN THE FOUNDATION.

IT ATTACKED THOSE PEOPLE *UNPROVOKED!* WE NEED TO EXTERMINATE IT ANY WAY WE CAN BEFORE PEOPLE GET HURT!

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